

The Alexandria Gazette

THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 11.

INQUEST.—An inquest was held yesterday afternoon, by W. L. Penn, Acting Coroner, on the body of a Federal soldier, (a cavalryman) found suspended by the neck, by a leather strap, from a tree, in a ravine, near the Alms House. It is supposed the body had been in that position for some days from its appearance. The jury decided that the man had hung himself and rendered a verdict accordingly. His name could not be ascertained, or any particulars obtained; the body was taken charge of and properly interred.

The accounts of Army movements on the Upper Potomac, by the newspapers, are all jumbled up and confused—a bundle of rumors and contradictions—exaggerated stories and false reports; no one knows what to believe, or what to reject. The letter writers give statements utterly at variance with one another, and for the most part with no reference to their previous stories. From such a mass of falsehood, it is hard to sift the truth.

We received by this morning's mail, no exchange papers from Washington.

LOCAL.—The number of soldiers in the streets has much diminished within the last few days—the officers lately seen in every direction, too, to have generally gone to their regiments; still "there are a few more left."—A number of new Locomotives have been brought here by the agents of the U. S. government, and placed upon the railroad tracks.—There are still complaints of the robberies of cabbage beds, potato patches, corn fields, &c., in and about the suburbs of the town; fruit gardens have no chance.—We regret to learn that many of the farmers in the neighborhood of this town, in the recent army movements, met with serious losses in the destruction of their corn, hay and fodder, and the breaking down of all their fences which had been saved up at that time.—There are in the U. S. hospitals in this town, and at the Episcopal Seminary building near town, 3,016 sick and wounded soldiers.—A number of Sora, in good condition, were killed yesterday in the marshes near this place, and sold at 62½@75 cts. per doz.—One or two loads of inferior oysters came up the river yesterday, and sold at from 50 to 62½ cts. per bushel.—We have had a fine rain to-day.—A number of "contrabands," from Aquia Creek, who came up here, upon the recent evacuation by the Federal troops of Fredericksburg, and who have been staying on board barges and canal boats, were yesterday taken to Washington, it is said, to be put to work there; they were generally a miserable looking set.—Many of the steamers and transports which have been lying off this port, and at the wharves, for a week past, have discharged their cargoes, and left, the "fleet in the offing" is thinning off daily.

Gen. Banks, in his Military Orders, just issued, has made excellent regulations, which, if carried out, without deviation, would contribute much to peace and order in our streets.

Forrest Hall, Georgetown, has been taken possession of by the military, as a prison for deserters.

Order of General Banks.

HEADQUARTERS, DEFENCES AT WASHINGTON, Washington, September 10, 1862.—General Orders No. 2.—First—With the exception of general officers, no officer or soldier will be allowed to cross any of the bridges or ferries of the Potomac, or to visit the cities of Washington Georgetown or Alexandria without a pass signed by the regimental commander and approved of by the commanders of the brigade and division in which the regiment is serving. Such passes will not be granted for a greater period than forty-eight hours, and every pass must state distinctly the object for which it is granted.

General officers, when recognized as such, require no pass, but they will not leave their commands without permission from their superior commanders. Aides de camp and other staff officers, when not with their General, will require passes in the same manner as all other officers.

Second.—Officers and men belonging to the troops serving in the cities of Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria will not leave their camps or barracks with a pass from their regimental commanders.

Third.—The officers of the provost guard will order any officer found in either of the three cities contrary to the provision of this order, to return to his regiment in arrest, and his name and regiment will, without delay, be communicated by the provost marshal to the division commander concerned, who will cause him to be brought to trial as soon as possible for the violation of this order.

Enlisted men found in either of the three cities without proper authority will be arrested and kept under guard until a guard is sent for them by their division commanders, whom the provost marshal will promptly notify of the arrest, and who will hold the subordinate commanders concerned responsible for the absence of their men.

Fourth.—The subject of passes to civilians not in the military service will be regulated by the Military Governor of the District of Columbia.

Fifth.—No wine, beer or ardent spirits, unless they be for hospital or subsistence stores or the private stores of an officer, (in either of which cases they should be so marked,) will be allowed to pass the guard at any of the bridges or ferries, or the guards of any camp or barracks in this command without a pass from the Military Governor or provost marshal of Washington or Alexandria to cover the stores.

Sixth.—Passes granted by a division commander must be signed by the commander himself or by not exceeding two officers of his staff, whose names and signatures must be reported to the Military Governor of the District of Columbia and of Alexandria.

Seventh.—All fast riding or driving is forbidden in the cities of Washington, Georgetown and Alexandria. Teamsters must drive their teams at a walk.

Orderlies will habitually ride either in a walk or trot. If necessary for them to ride at a more rapid pace, the direction "gallop" should be written on the envelope of the dispatch.

Eighth.—While passing through the streets of Washington, Georgetown or Alexandria, teams must leave a space equal to the width of a street after every sixth wagon. Wagons will not halt on the crossings, but leave them clear for foot passengers.

Quartermasters and wagonmasters will be held responsible for any violation of these provisions by the trains under their command. Commanding officers will see that every quartermaster receives a copy of this order, and quartermasters will see that this order is read to their teamsters.

Ninth.—The Military Governor and provost marshals of Washington and Alexandria will see to the strict and systematic enforcement of the above provisions.

Tenth.—Each corps and independent commander will send an orderly to these headquarters at 12 o'clock daily, for orders.

By command of Maj. Gen. Bank's.

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Capt., A. D. C. and Act'g Ass't Adj. Gen.

The New York Democratic State Convention met in Albany, yesterday. Horatio Seymour, will be nominated for Governor. This Convention supports "the prosecution of the war, on the basis of the Constitution."

A correspondent of the New York World writing from Baltimore says:—"As far as its inhabitants are concerned, I believe the city of Baltimore would be surrendered, without a moment's hesitation, to a corporal's guard of the enemy."

On Tuesday afternoon Mr. William Homiller, of Georgetown, D. C., lost or was robbed at the depot in Washington city of a pocket book containing about sixteen hundred dollars in cash and a number of valuable papers, representing about \$14,000.

Judge Advocate General Turner visited Fort Lafayette, New York, on Tuesday, and made a personal examination of the cases of the prisoners confined there. Several were released, including those confined on the charge of discouraging enlistments by offering to procure substitutes.

The obsequies of Colonel Fletcher Webster took place in Boston on Tuesday. At the conclusion of the ceremonies his remains were conveyed to Marshfield to be deposited in the family tomb.

The directors of the Baltimore and Ohio R. R. yesterday passed resolutions declaring a dividend of 4½ per cent on the stock of the Washington branch for the half year ending on the 30th September instant; and a dividend of 3 per cent on the stock of the main stem for the half year ending same date. Holders of the bonds of 1862, issued for the extra dividend, are notified that in order to secure the dividend declared on stock it is necessary, in accordance with the terms of the bonds, to convert the same into stock prior to the closing of the books on the 18th instant.

A dispatch from San Francisco dated on Monday says that trade is stagnant and everything depressed, owing to the condition of the currency. Subscriptions of money to be sent to Washington for the relief of the Federal wounded soldiers are being made.

Flag-Officer Dupont reports that there are no Confederate soldiers on the Southern coast, so far as he can discover.

The Richmond Dispatch of the 6th inst., says that an unusually large number of Federal steamers were visible off Charleston on Tuesday of last week.

The New York World says:—"Our free strictures upon arbitrary arrests have drawn out intimations from certain high quarters in Washington that if we continue this sort of comment it will be at our peril."

The U. S. Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows will assemble in Baltimore on the third Wednesday of this month. An election of officers will take place, besides which there is no business of special importance to be brought up for consideration.

Lieut. Col. Thomas L. Kane, of the Bucktail Rifles, has been promoted to a Brigadier Generalship by the President.